

McMaster University

SENATE MINUTES

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Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Zoom

PRESENT: Ms Amanda Bakke, Dr. Anna Danielova, Ms Beth Manganelli Staite, Dr. Chris Sinding, Mr. Dalue Tang, Dr. David Farrar, Dr. Dina Brooks, Dr. Doug Welch, Mr. Findley McSevney, Ms Haleigh Wallace, Mr. Hasan Siddiqui, Dr. Heather Sheardown, Dr. Jeff Weitz, Dr. Jeremiah Hurley, Mr. Jim McCaughey, Dr. Judy Fudge, Dr. Juliet Daniel, Dr. Karen Kidd, Dr. Karen Mossman, Mr. Keegan Johnson, Dr. Khaled Hassanein, Dr. Kim Dej, Dr. Kim Jones, Dr. Laura Parker, Dr. Lia Bronsard, Dr. Maikel Rheinstadter, Dr. Martin Horn, Ms Mary Williams, Dr. Maureen MacDonald, Dr. Melinda Gough, Dr. Michael McGillion, Mr. Moustafa Naiem Abdel-Mooty, Dr. Nikolai Penner, Dr. Pamela Swett, Dr. Patrick Bennett, Dr. Paul Faure, Dr. Paul O’Byrne, Dr. Peter Graefe, Dr. Rick Monture, Ms Saher Fazilat, Ms Sarrah Lal, Ms Shaden Ahmed, Dr. Sherman Cheung, Dr. Stephanie Springgay, Ms Susan Galloway, Dr. Susan Reid, Dr. Susan Tighe, Dr. Todd Hoare, Dr. Wael El-Dakhakhni, Ms Andrea Thyret-Kidd (University Secretary), Ms Christine Richard (Associate University Secretary), Ms Alysha Sless (Governance Coordinator)

OBSERVERS: Dr. Adrienne Xavier, Ms Andrea Farquhar, Dr. Arig al Shaibah, Ms Carolyn Brendon, Ms Esme Davies, Dr. Jean Wilson, Ms Maya Verma, Dr. Nicholas Kevlahan, Dr. Peter Mascher, Dr. Sandra Carroll, Mr. Sean Van Koughnett, Dr. Susan Denburg, Ms Vivian Lewis

REGRETS: Dr. Lorraine Carter

INVITED/GUESTS: Dr. Sue Becker

A. OPEN SESSION

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Farrar welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Dr. Farrar explained that the last few weeks have seen a gradual, staged return to campus for faculty, students, and staff, and thanked everyone for their support over the last few months as we worked through the planning and decision-making needed to guide and support this process. The University continues to prioritize and support health and well-being across the community, and to be mindful of accessibility issues and requested accommodations as members of our community return to campus and to the on-campus teaching, learning, and working environment.

Dr. Farrar explained that they have been working closely with our peer institutions and the Council of Universities (COU) with regard to the ongoing need for a vaccination policy. Although the direct requirement for mandatory vaccination policies has been revoked, the Ministry has been clear that post-secondary institutions have the discretion to maintain vaccination policies on their campuses as part of overall health and safety requirements. Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore, has also indicated that he "wholeheartedly supports" this approach. McMaster, along with other Ontario institutions, will accordingly retain the mandatory vaccine requirement until at least the end of the current term, together with the MacCheck screening tool, and other measures to support the ongoing well-being of our community. They will continue to review this, as well as the very recent announcement from the province with regard to the mask mandate, and to update the community as measures are adjusted and in light of further provincial announcements. Dr. Farrar noted that this is a period of adjustment for our entire community, and it is important that we continue to support one another, exercise compassion and understanding, and try to remain as flexible as possible. Questions will continue to arise, and we won't necessarily have the answers right away, but we are committed to providing all the information needed to support our community.

A member asked about parking prices given the inflation of gas prices. Another member expressed that they would feel unsafe in a class with no social distancing and no masks. Members agreed and Dr. Farrar advised that they will be taking the concerns back through COU to the government.

Dr. Farrar explained that given the recent shocking events playing out in Ukraine, he wanted to acknowledge the impact on our community members with direct or indirect ties to Ukraine and the wider region. McMaster has a number of graduate and undergraduate students from Ukraine, and also from Russia, as well as faculty and staff with ties to the region. As an institution, we are committed to supporting all affected members of our community during the troubling weeks ahead, recognizing the distress and anxiety that many people are suffering. This support includes extending student housing to international students from impacted countries who may not be able to return home at the end of term. We are institutional members of the international group Scholars at Risk, and are also discussing with that group how best to support students and faculty adversely impacted by this and other conflicts.

1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA – OPEN SESSION

Dr. Farrar confirmed that no requests had been received to move items from the Consent to the Regular agenda of the Open Session.

It was duly moved and seconded,

that Senate approve the Open Session agenda for the meeting of March 9, 2022 and that item 2 be approved by Consent.

The motion was **carried**.

CONSENT**2 MINUTES of the Meeting of February 9, 2022 – Open Session**

Motion:

that the minutes of the Open Session portion of the meeting held on February 9, 2022 be approved as circulated.

Approved by Consent.

REGULAR**3 BUSINESS ARISING****Response to an Enquiry at Senate – Proposed Policy Changes**

Dr. Farrar reminded Senators of the enquiry that was raised at the January Senate meeting and the response that was submitted and discussed at the February Senate meeting. The University Secretary, Ms Andrea Thyret-Kidd, has consulted with the policy owners, the MUFA President and concerned Senators, and secured agreement to re-instate the pre-2019 freedom of expression language to both the Discrimination and Harassment Policy and the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy. In the materials is a memo from the Ms Thyret-Kidd outlining the proposed changes, a copy of the February Response to an Enquiry at Senate, and a track change version of both policies.

a. Response to an Enquiry at Senate – February 2022

This item was for information.

b. Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy Revisions

Dr. Faure addressed the Senate and thanked the Secretariat for their assistance in restoring the wording to both policies and thanked Senators and Observers for their involvement.

It was duly moved and seconded,

that the Senate approve the revisions to the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, as circulated and effective March 9, 2022.

Ms Thyret-Kidd added that the policy does not require approval from the Board of Governors.

The motion was **carried**.

c. Discrimination and Harassment Policy Revisions

It was duly moved and seconded,

that the Senate approve, for recommendation to the Board of Governors, the revisions to the Discrimination and Harassment Policy, as circulated and effective April 21, 2022.

Ms Thyret-Kidd explained that the policy requires approval from the Board of Governors. Once approved by the Board of Governors, the policy will be effective.

The motion was **carried**.

4 ENQUIRIES

There were no enquiries.

5 COMMUNICATIONS

a. Annual Report of the McMaster Research Ethics Board, 2020-2021

This item was included for information. Dr. Sue Becker, MREB Vice-Chair, was in attendance to answer any questions.

6 REPORT FROM GRADUATE COUNCIL

Dr. Doug Welch, Vice-Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies, presented the report. Dr. Welch explained that on February 22, 2022, Graduate Council approved, for recommendation to Senate, the elimination of the thesis option of the English M.A.

It was duly moved and seconded,

that Senate approve the revision, for inclusion in the 2022-2023 Graduate Calendar, as recommended by the Faculty of Humanities and set out in the attached.

The motion was **carried**.

The remainder of items were for information.

7 UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

Dr. Kim Dej, Acting Vice-Provost, Faculty, presented the report. Dr. Dej explained that on March 1, 2022 Undergraduate Council approved the following recommendations:

1. Establishment of Certificate & Diploma Programs

Undergraduate Council approved one new concurrent certificate. Further details are included within the circulated material.

a. Concurrent Certificate in Critical Curatorial Studies (CCS)

It was duly moved and seconded,

that Senate approve the establishment of the Concurrent Certificate in Critical Curatorial Studies (CCS), as set out in the attached.

The motion was **carried**.
(1 abstention)

2. Revisions to Existing Certificate & Diploma Programs

Undergraduate Council approved revisions to existing certificate and diploma programs.

- a. Revisions to the Business Administration Program (BUS)
- b. Revisions to the Concurrent Certificate for Applied Ethics and Policy (CAEP)
- c. Revisions to the Concurrent Certificate in Leadership & Cross-Cultural Literacy
- d. Revisions to the Concurrent Certificate in Professional French
- e. Revisions to the Concurrent Certificate in Business Technology Management

It was duly moved and seconded,

that Senate approve revisions to the Business Administration Program, as set out in the attached.

The motion was **carried**.

It was duly moved and seconded,

that Senate approve revisions to the Concurrent Certificates in Applied Ethics and Policy (CAEP), in Leadership & Cross-Cultural Literacy, in Professional French, and in Business Technology Management, as set out in the attached.

The motion was **carried**.

3. Curriculum Revisions for Inclusion in the 2022-2023 Undergraduate Calendar

Undergraduate Council approved major curriculum revisions from the Faculty of Health Sciences, for inclusion in the 2022-2023 Undergraduate Calendar. Further details of the revisions are contained within the circulated materials.

It was duly moved and seconded,

that Senate approve curriculum revisions to change the Health, Engineering Science and Entrepreneurship (HESE) Specialization and Health, Engineering Science and Entrepreneurship (HESE) Specialization Co-Op, from five-year programs to four-year programs, effective September 2022, for inclusion in the 2022-23 Undergraduate Calendar, and as set out in the attached.

The motion was **carried**.

It was duly moved and seconded,

that Senate approve revisions to admissions requirements for applicants currently or previously registered in a Canadian or US Medical School in the Undergraduate MD Program, for inclusion in the 2022-2023 Undergraduate Calendar, and as set out in the attached.

The motion was **carried**.

It was duly moved and seconded,

that Senate approve revisions to the updated Admission Procedures and Requirements to the Midwifery Education Program, and as set out in the attached.

The motion was **carried**.

It was duly moved and seconded,

that Senate approve the Black Equity Stream (BEST) for the Undergraduate Medical Education Program, for inclusion in the 2022-2023 Undergraduate Calendar, and as set out in the attached.

The motion was **carried**.

The remainder of items were for information.

4. Sessional Dates for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

5. Terms of Award

6. Curriculum Revisions for Inclusion in the 2022-2023 Undergraduate Calendar

8 REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dr. Susan Tighe, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), presented the report. Dr. Tighe explained that at its meeting of February 9, 2022, the University Planning Committee approved the following items and now recommends them to Senate:

1. Proposal for the Creation of an Indigenous Studies Department

It was duly moved and seconded,

that Senate approve the creation of an Indigenous Studies Department in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Dr. Tighe added that this is exemplary of collaboration within the University and noted that a lot of effort has gone into this proposal.

The motion was **carried**.

2. Report from Undergraduate Council

This report was for information. It was received and approved by the Senate on February 9, 2022 through Undergraduate Council.

9 REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Todd Hoare, Chair of the Committee on Appointments, presented the report. Dr. Hoare explained that on February 14, 2022, the Committee on Appointments approved the following recommendations and now recommends them to Senate for approval:

1. Terms of Reference

a. Establishment of Associate Dean, Research and Associate Dean, Graduate Studies

It was duly moved and seconded,

that Senate approve the establishment of the Associate Dean, Research and the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, in the Faculty of Social Sciences, as circulated.

The motion was **carried**.

b. Revised Terms of Reference, Vice Dean, Research

It was duly moved and seconded,

that Senate approve the proposed revisions to the Vice Dean, Research Terms of Reference, as circulated.

The motion was **carried**.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.